## CLAIMS

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1. A hydrofluoric acid wastewater treatment method comprising the following steps:

a hydrofluoric acid concentration step comprising

5 concentrating hydrofluoric acid wastewater by evaporation to produce a concentrated hydrofluoric acid water and a hydrofluoric acid-containing vapor;

a dissolution step comprising bringing the hydrofluoric acid-containing vapor obtained in the hydrofluoric acid concentration step into contact with dissolution water to dissolve the vapor;

a neutralization step comprising bringing the residual hydrofluoric acid-containing vapor left from the dissolution step into contact with an alkali to produce a neutralized liquid and a dehydrofluorinated vapor; and a condensation step comprising condensing the dehydrofluorinated vapor obtained in the neutralization step to produce condensed water.

- 2. A method according to claim 1 further
  20 comprising a neutralized liquid separation step comprising separating the neutralized liquid obtained in the neutralization step into hydrofluoric acid-containing water, alkali-containing water and desalted water using ion exchange membranes.
  - 3. A method according to claim 1 further

comprising:

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a neutralized liquid concentration step comprising bringing the condensed water obtained in the condensation step into contact with an alkali and/or bringing the dehydrofluorinated vapor before condensation in the condensation step into contact with an alkali to produce a neutralized liquid, followed by concentrating the neutralized liquid by evaporation to produce a concentrated neutralized liquid and a re-

10 dehydrofluorinated vapor; and

a concentrated neutralized liquid separation step comprising separating the concentrated neutralized liquid obtained in the neutralized liquid concentration step into hydrofluoric acid-containing water, alkali-containing water and desalted water using ion exchange membranes.

- 4. A method according to claim 1, wherein the hydrofluoric acid concentration step further comprises concentrating by evaporation the hydrofluoric acid-containing vapor solution obtained in the dissolution step.
- 20 5. A hydrofluoric acid wastewater treatment method comprising the following steps:

a first concentration step comprising concentrating hydrofluoric acid wastewater by evaporation to produce a concentrated hydrofluoric acid water and a hydrofluoric acid-containing vapor;

a neutralization-condensation step comprising
neutralizing and condensing the hydrofluoric acidcontaining vapor obtained in the first concentration step
to produce a neutralized liquid;

a second concentration step comprising concentrating the neutralized liquid obtained in the neutralization-condensation step to produce a concentrated neutralized liquid; and

a separation step comprising separating the concentrated neutralized liquid obtained in the second concentration step into hydrofluoric acid-containing water, alkalicontaining water and desalted water using ion exchange membranes.

6. A hydrofluoric acid wastewater treatment
device for treating wastewater containing hydrofluoric acid, comprising:

a hydrofluoric acid concentrator for concentrating hydrofluoric acid wastewater by evaporation to produce a concentrated hydrofluoric acid water and a hydrofluoric acid-containing vapor;

a water contactor for bringing the hydrofluoric acidcontaining vapor obtained by the concentrator into contact with dissolution water to dissolve the vapor;

an alkali contactor for bringing the residual

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25 hydrofluoric acid-containing vapor left from the water

contactor into contact with an alkali to produce a neutralized liquid and a dehydrofluorinated vapor; and a condenser for condensing the dehydrofluorinated vapor obtained by the alkali contactor to produce condensed water.

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- 7. A hydrofluoric acid wastewater treatment device according to claim 6 further comprising a separator for separating the neutralized liquid obtained by the alkali contactor into hydrofluoric acid-containing water, alkali-containing water and desalted water using ion exchange membranes.
- 8. A hydrofluoric acid wastewater treatment device according to claim 7 further comprising a neutralization-concentration apparatus for bringing the condensed water obtained by the condenser into contact with an alkali and/or bringing the dehydrofluorinated vapor before condensation in the condenser into contact with an alkali to produce a neutralized liquid, and concentrating the neutralized liquid by evaporation to produce a concentrated neutralized liquid and a redehydrofluorinated vapor;

the separator being configured to separate the concentrated neutralized liquid obtained by the neutralization-concentration apparatus and the neutralized liquid obtained by the alkali contactor together into

hydrofluoric acid-containing water, alkali-containing water and desalted water using ion exchange membranes.

- 9. A hydrofluoric acid wastewater treatment device for treating wastewater containing hydrofluoric acid, comprising:
- a first concentrator for concentrating hydrofluoric acid wastewater by evaporation to produce a concentrated hydrofluoric acid water and a hydrofluoric acid-containing vapor;
- a neutralizer and condenser for neutralizing and condensing the hydrofluoric acid-containing vapor obtained by the first condenser to produce a neutralized liquid;
  - a second concentrator for concentrating the neutralized liquid obtained by the neutralizer and condenser to
- produce a concentrated neutralized liquid;
  a separator for separating the concentrated neutralized
  liquid obtained by the second concentrator into
  hydrofluoric acid-containing water, alkali-containing
  water and desalted water using ion exchange membranes.